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1. Eisenhuettenkombinat StalinStadt (EKS), formerly Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost

- a. This plant has cancelled all building projects included in the 1954 building plan. Among these projects were steelworks, generator plants, a rolling mill, a steel-casting foundry, a tar-dolomite plant, railroad yards and 8 blast furnaces; only blast furnace No. 5 was allowed to remain on the building plan.
- b. The rebuilding of the defrosting shed which had burned down in June, however, was approved. In this defrosting shed the frozen Krivoi Rog ore delivered from Russia during the winter is thawed before being comminuted to the blast furnaces.
- c. At present, BKS is smelting only ore that has been extracted from the Harz mountains, from the mines in Badeleben, Saxony-Anhalt, and from Buchenberg; only a small quantity of Krivoi Rog ore is arriving from Russia. It is reported, however, that quantities of ore imports from Russia will be increased.

- 2.
- Nickelhuette St. Wridien, Saxony

This plant was to be expanded on a large scale, but construction had not been started and the project was cancelled. There exists only a small research installation with one air furnace. The St. Agidien plant was to process the crude nickel imported from Russia; the processed nickel was to be part of the reparations deliveries of high-grade steel to Russia. The cost of expansion of production facilities was estimated as 25 million DEM.

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3. Eisenwerke West, Calbe

This plant was to be enlarged and furnaces group II with ten low-shaft furnaces was to be built: both projects were cancelled. Only the power station may be completed. Minister Fritz Selbmann personally rejected a proposed ore-dressing floor, costing approximately 17 million DEM. The total cost of plant expansion was scheduled to cost approximately 30 million DEM.

4. Mansfeld Bergbau-Kombinat "Wilhelm Pieck"

The erection of the Helbra sintering plant and the mechanization of the mines were ordered stopped. The Helbra plant, which has already been started, is to be continued only as far as is necessary, to insure that project is not damaged by weather. The mechanization of the mines is to be continued until available funds have been spent; no new funds are to be allocated. The cost of the proposed projects was estimated as approximately 40 million DEM.

5. Stahl- und Walzwerk Groeditz

The building of a large forge, estimated to cost approximately 10 million DEM, has been stopped.

6. Expansion of Edelstahlwerk Doehlen, estimated at 10 million DEM, has been cancelled.

- B. The investment program for the entire metallurgical industry, including all subsidiary installations, such as mines, limestone pits, cement works etc., was scheduled to cost 1.3 milliards DEM. It is estimated, that only 100,000 DEM have been made available to date.

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